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REVEALS HUNGARIAN VITAL STATISTICS,
PRICE AND WAGE DATA FOR 1950

The following data was compiled by the Information Service of the Hungarian National Council from secret 1950 statistics prepared for members of the Hungarian Politburo.

The methodical annihilation of the Hungarian people is constantly increasing in scope. Contrary to government claims that the population is increasing, the number of births has decreased. In 1938, 182,206 births were recorded; in 1950 the number of births had dropped to 151,623. By November, deaths during 1950 numbered 157,204, or 4 percent more than the number of new births.

During the first 10 months of 1950, 51,332 marriages were recorded, as compared to 84,418 marriages in 1946.

Deaths are listed according to cause as follows: natural deaths 107,417, infectious diseases 14,802, accidents 4,056, homicide 623, suicide 21,794, and others 8,512.

During 1950, 51,312 persons were listed as "departed from residence for unknown destination," which includes army deserters and fugitives from the political police. In Budapest, 32,182 persons are listed in this category.

Contrary to government propaganda stressing the abundance of consumers' goods, all other reports from Hungary tell of dire shortages. The following is a comparison of prices, in forints, of consumers' goods quoted from the 1947 Kozellatasi Ertesito (Consumers' Goods Bulletin) and from the 26 November 1950 issue of Elelmiszer Tablazat (Foodstuffs Charts) [units of measure not indicated].

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	<u>1947</u>	<u>1950</u>
Bread	0.92	1.60
Flour	0.82	4.40
Potatoes	0.51	0.86
Beer	8.20	18.00
Eggs	0.30	0.86
Butter	26.30	35.00
Sugar	6.00	14.40
Onions	1.10	8.00
Fruit	2.40	6.50
Matches	0.24	0.50
Lard	8.60	32.00
Men's clothes	450.00	650.00
Work clothes	120.00	230.00
Material for women's clothes	30.00	70.00
Men's shirts	26.00	60.00
Low-quality men's shoes	120.00	180.00
Shoes repaired, soles and heels	20.00	32.00
Firewood, per quintal	26.00	45.00
Coal	23.75	50.00
Electricity, per kilowatt	0.64	1.05
Gas	0.76	1.10
Soap	6.24	14.00

A result of the rationing system has been a constant increase in black-market traffic since the beginning of the year, with a consequent increase in prices. In the 14 most important items, prices have increased 60 percent since 1947.

During the first 10 months of 1950, 342,812 persons received pension allotments, which averaged 71.34 forints per person per month. Wages have decreased in proportion to the increase in worker competitions. Following the readjustment of production norms on 1 August 1950, wages were lowered an average of 20 percent.

Agricultural production has been divided into 16 large categories. The average wage of workers in these groups ranges from 501 to 1,308 forints per month, from which are deducted the various allotments, fees, contributions, dues, loans, and other deductions.

Hungarian workers, during 1950, were required to pay the following:

1. Peace loan -- average of one month's pay
2. Fighters-for-Liberty Banner -- 20 forints
3. Subscriptions to Szabad Nep, Uj Vilag, Muvelt Nep, and Szovjet Kultúra -- 28.00 forints per month
4. Workers' union dues -- 5 percent of pay
5. Party membership dues -- 5 percent of pay
6. Contributions for decorations on holidays (18 January, 13 February, 23 February, 15 March, 4 April, 1 May, 20 August, 7 November, 20 December, etc.) -- 10.00 forints per event
7. Package to Korea drive -- average, 10 days' pay

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8. Savings book -- average, one month's pay
9. Compulsory theater and movie subscriptions -- per year, approximately 80.00 forints.
10. Purchase of required books -- 75.00 forints.
11. Purchase of food ration book -- per person, 10.00 forints
12. Family libraries -- average, 10.00 forints
13. Contributions for "Red Corners" in shops -- average 10.00 forints

According to the 8 November report of the Manpower Economy Office, the manpower shortage had assumed considerable proportions, but there were 167,629 unemployed in Budapest and 203,506 unemployed in the rest of the country. These habitually unemployed, starving classes are now being recruited for labor at 1.55 forints per hour. As a result of the harried working pace and the various outside party activities, the workers' reserve energy has been completely exhausted and the number of accidents has surpassed all previous levels.

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